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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: Guest Editorial

Dear Members and Coin Clubs,

At the request of Michael S. Turrini, the Editor, I have been invited to write a Guest Editorial for this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.

One of my strong interests and concern is about the exchange of coin club newsletters and bulletins.

WHY? You may ask why does this ruffle my feathers. First of all I think that a strong and active coin club should be in close contact with the membership in addition to regularly held meetings. Periodic newsletters and bulletins to the membership keeps them informed, especially those that may have missed a meeting or two. This again stimulates the interest of that member and makes him or her take note of the next meeting date so as not to miss the activities and action reported in the previous newsletter and bulletins. In the event a coin club can not afford a newsletter and bulletin, a post-card type notice would be an inexpensive membership reminder. Just let that member know that he or she does belong to YOUR coin club. Yes, it is YOUR coin club--keep it active and informational.

Now that your coin club has a regularly scheduled newsletter and bulletin, why not exchange it with other coin clubs in the area? This exchange may be a good source of information as well as ideas for YOUR coin club to become a meeting place of interest to the membership. If your coin club meetings are informative and interesting with new ideas being tried through this newsletter and bulletin exchange plan, then too, your membership will grow and your coin club will prosper.

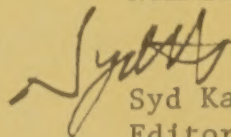
At the same time, your coin club will be kept informed of other coin clubs' annual coin shows and other activities so that there will be NO conflict in dates between two or more coin clubs in a close proximity. Since coin shows are the back-bone and prime source of a coin club's finances, there should be a closer relationship between all coin clubs in this scheduling of coin show dates. Here again, exchanging of newsletters and bulletins between coin clubs can avoid this disastrous problem.

This then brings one other thought to mind--if your coin club is selling raffle prize tickets for the annual coin show, why not send forty to fifty tickets to other coin clubs in your area? Just an idea for another money raiser for your coin club. Delta Coin Club does it, why does not your coin club? The most you can be out is the postage.

This is why I believe in close contact with area coin clubs through the exchange of newsletters and bulletins, or whatever your coin club refers to its club's periodical.

Think about it, and let's start the exchange idea rolling.

Numismatically Yours,



Syd Kass  
Editor of Delta Coin Club's  
Newsletter



THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

This July finds your Editor busy full-time with the annual Solano County Fair, with his Father in traction at Vallejo General Hospital, with his second car leaking at the water pump, and with this Eighteenth Issue to get out. All that your Editor asks is what more will happen, not what might happen.

It is Summer, and during Summmer, our thoughts turn away from hobbies. In fact, some coin clubs choose not to meet during the Summer months, and attendance at others goes down. No one would deny such is just a natural annual occurrence due to the weather and traditional vacation season.

What concerns your Editor is that some hobbyists take this situation as inevitable; your Editor does not: coins and our hobby are year-round advocations. For a coin club to cut itself short is for it to cheat the hobby and its own members.

Your Editor, who has empahty with coin clubs not meeting at this time of year, still argues that our coin clubs, and its young members who are not in school during the Summer, must remain active, for coin clubs are the life of our hobby.

There is an old saying of 'birds-of-a-feather-flock-together', and this is what your Editor means. Our coin clubs offer the opportunity for hobbyists to meet and to mingle with their fellow hobbyists. In short, this fellowship, such a precious commondity in our world today, should be year-round.

Changing to another subject and now writing in the first person, I must inform NCNA Heads and Tales readers that those NCNA members who would like me to be a candidate for the next NCNA President will be disappointed. While I am flattered and honored that I with so little to give the Presidency have been asked, strongly in certain incidents, I must respectfully decline.

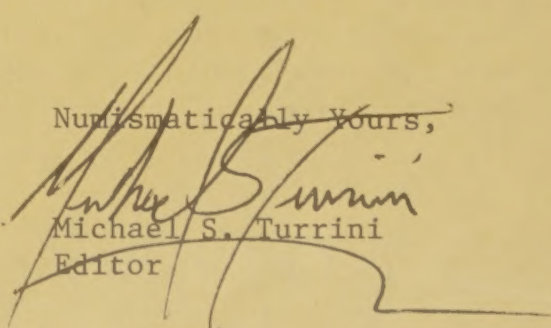
It is simply a matter of my time and demands that burden me. In addition, in all candor, I am living a life-style remote from the reality of my age; I have never really grown up to be an adult, and NCNA needs an adult at its head, not never-grown-up adolescent.

To those who would seek my election, your have my most sincere thanks, and please forgive me for not accepting.

In closing, if asked, I will decline; if nominated, I will refuse, and if elected, I will resign.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,

  
Michael S. Turrini  
Editor



GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA Board of Directors August Meeting

The next quarterly Board of Directors Meeting will be on August 18th at 1:30pm in the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco.

All NCNA Club Members are warmly invited to send one voting Club Delegate. NCNA Secretary Brian Kestner has mailed special invitations to all current Club Members and non-member clubs, and these coin clubs are requested to select a Club Delegate and reply directly to Secretary Kestner as to whether or not their club will be represented at this Meeting.

If a coin club, NCNA Club Member or not, has not receive its invitation, please correspond with:

Brian Kestner  
NCNA Secretary  
PO Box 664  
Millbrae, CA 94030

It is imperative that coin clubs review and respond to this special invitation.

1985 NCNA Coin Show and Convention

The 24th Annual NCNA Coin Show and Convention will be this September 19th thru 22nd, Thursday thru Sunday, daily 10:00am to 8:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco.

What is known and confirmed to date is:

Thursday and Friday	Evenings	Auction by Pacific Coast Auction Galleries
Saturday	2:00pm	Educational Forum
Sunday	1:00pm	Youth Program
Sunday	Closing	Raffle Drawing

Pacific Coast Galleries of Ron and Dennis Gillio for the fourth year will conduct the Auction. The highlight will be the sale of the newly discovered South Korean date variety, a previously unknown 1971-dated 50 won commemorative, which was discovered by Ron Gillio during a recent European buying trip. The particular coin was front page news in the June 11th issue of World Coin News and will be auctioned at this year's Coin Show and Convention. Those desiring more information on this Auction, please contact:

Cheryl L. Joseph  
Pacific Coast Auction Galleries  
1103 State  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
805-963-1345 or 800-235-6937



The main attraction of this and every NCNA Coin Show and Convention is the quality and national representation of its eighty table Bourse. All that has to be reported here is that the Bourse is Sold Out.

Educational Forum will have two fine speakers; however, Q. David Bowers, current American Numismatic Association (ANA) President and nationally known numismatist and coin dealer, will not be able to participate, contrary to earlier reports. In his place, Edward Rochette, ANA Executive Vice-President, will be present during the Coin Show and Convention. His topic at the Saturday afternoon Forum will be 'ANA the The Collector'. Donald Kagin, of San Francisco and well-known numismatic author and coin dealer, will also talk at the Forum and his topic being 'Investing in the Current Coin Market'. Educational Forum is Free.

Exhibits, Youth Table, and Raffle will round-out this year's Coin Show and Convention. The Raffle prizes are: First, \$10.00 Gold Eagle, Second, \$5.00 Half Eagle, and three Third Prizes, Olympic Dollars. Raffle tickets will be available at the Registration Desk; drawing to be done at the closing of this year's Coin Show and Convention.

Youth Program, and effort to introduce and help young people in coin collecting, is scheduled for 1:00pm on Sunday.

Exhibits are an important element of any coin show, and NCNA is long noted for the quality of its awards. This year's Coin Show and Convention will have thirteen total trophies: Best-of-Show, three Firsts, three Seconds, three Thirds, and three Junior awards. In addition, each exhibitor, exhibit winner or not, will receive for his or her effort one free 1985 Proof Set; limit of one per exhibitor, not exhibit. Enclosed with this Issue is an Exhibit Application. Exhibit Coordinator is:

Elmer Benson  
Exhibit Coordinator  
PO Box 1884  
Burlingame, CA 94011

Serving on this year's Coin Show and Convention team are: Denis Hooker, Bourse; Ed Sins, Awards; Elmer Benson, Exhibits; Lillian Hooker, Registration; Mike Stanley, Youth Program; Ozzie Stout, Educational Forum, and Stan Turrini, Publicity.

The theme for this 1985 NCNA Coin Show and Convention is 'Liberty on Coins', accenting the Liberty design on United States coinage. Exhibits related to this theme are warmly encouraged.

#### 1985 Coin Show and Convention Wood

As some NCNA Heads and Tales readers already know, this year's wood has two errors: the date for the opening of the Coin Show and Convention and the spelling of 'Cathedral'. These two errors have caused some talk that this wood may be a rare wood variety.

The discovery of these two errors, at least to your Editor's knowledge, goes to Pat Boerger of Coin World, who wrote to your Editor last March 22nd, and Ed Sins, long-time NCNA Treasurer.



As for the rarity, first, your Editor doubts at this late date a corrected version will be minted, and second, the mintage was 2500+. Sorry, wood investors.

#### This Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales

Some NCNA Heads and Tales readers might have noticed that this Issue arrived later than normal. This was caused by the demands placed upon your Editor with his Father's accident, his work for the 1985 Solano County Fair, and his duties concerning the Coin Show and Convention Publicity.

Your Editor feels to continue getting NCNA Heads and Tales published and out future Issues may have to be shorten and the 'Branch Mint Reports' curtailed. In very simple terms, doing NCNA Heads and Tales has become too much for one individual, and your Editor would appreciate suggestions and help from others.

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#### ODD AND CURIOUS MONIES: Guest Editorial

##### Syd Kass Writes

In the April Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales, your Editor reported on an open inquiry from Syd Kass, Editor of the Delta Coin Club Newsletter, who was concerned and irritated that coin clubs failed to exchange their clubs' periodicals

Since then, Mr. Kass and your Editor has corresponded, and we are equally committed to improve and to encourage better and greater inter-club communication. Mr. Kass has had success in getting certain coin clubs to exchange club periodicals with the Delta Coin Club, and he has also been in contact with several other coin clubs, learning of their current status and activities.

Your Editor commends and recognizes Mr. Kass' determined and dedicated effort to promote inter-club communication. It is hobbyists of his intensity and concern that numismatics needs. To this end, your Editor had invited Mr. Kass to write the Guest Editorial in this Issue.

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#### LAST STRIKINGS: In Memoriam

##### Clifford Bloom and Milton Strauch

As David W. Lange, PCNS Bulletin Editor, so ably and maturely noted, "While we gain new friends, sadly, we must release some others". The recent deaths of Clifford Bloom on May 13th and Milton Strauch on June 8th have sadden many fellow coin hobbyists throughout northern California.

Both gentlemen your Editor knew and always enjoyed meeting and conversing with at either various coin shows or coin club meetings. Each was a resource of numis-

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

San Francisco Coin Club  
Diablo Numismatic Society  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
San Jose Coin Club  
Cupertino Coin Club  
Liberty Numismatic Society  
Fremont Coin Club  
Gateway Coin Club  
Delta Coin Club  
Peninsula Coin Club  
Fresno Numismatic Society  
Reno Coin Club  
Redwood Empire Coin Club  
Fairfield Coin Club  
Vallejo Numismatic Society  
Los Gatos Coin Club  
Santa Cruz Coin Club  
Southeastern Sierra Coin Club

San Francisco Coin Club Staged its 21st Annual Coin Fair last March 31st with a fifty table Bourse, seventeen exhibits, and a Silver Dollar Bonanza Drawing. In the exhibits, VICTOR TITOFF with 'Znachki From USSR' won Best of Show. DAVID ARIETTA claimed the junior award, the Harry Huntington Award, with his 'Kennedy Type Half'. First Place and the Roy Hill Award was won STAN TURRINI for his 'A King's Crown'. Second and Third Place went to CAROL FIESE and RAISA TITOFF. Recent SFCC programs have been HANS HANSON, 'History of Swedish Coinage', April 23rd; CAROL FIESE, 'US Cent Varieties of 1794', May 28th, and STEPHEN HUSTON, Coin Knowledge Quiz, June 25th. Your Editor attended the SFCC June 25th meeting and commends STEPHEN HUSTON assisted by DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN for his excellent Quiz using slides to illustrate both the questions and answers. The three upcoming big SFCC events are: its 300th Meeting this August 27th, its 25th Anniversary Banquet on October 12th, and next year on April 6, 1986, its 22nd Annual Coin Fair.

Diablo Numismatic Society Commemorated its Silver Jubilee on May 18th at the Rocking Horse Restaurant in Lafayette at which Assemblyman BILL BAKER was present. Speakers reviewing the DNS's history were: KARL MANTHEI, HOWIE BOARMAN, and KARL HEUER. It was an enjoyable evening, and your Editor attended representing NCNA. DNS has found a good friend in Assemblyman BAKER "whose daughter Mary won the Grand Prize in the drawing" at the Banquet.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Is this year seventy years old. That is an unique event in numismatics. Fitting words on this grand anniversary were given by DAVID W. LANGE, PCNS Bulletin Editor, "Many words have been written in praise of numismatics as a foundation for friendship and cooperation, yet the success of PCNS over these 70 years remains a remarkable achievement. While many coin clubs and numismatic societies have appeared on the scene with great fanfare only to waste away after the exhilaration of conception has passed, PCNS has always been, and remains to this day, an example of what can be achieved when



inquiring minds identify one another and recognize their common goals". Recent PCNS speakers were: LARRY REPPETEAU, April 24th, 'Greek Coins' and BILL HENRY, May 29th, 'Coinage of Philip II of Macedonia'.

San Jose Coin Club Elected its new 1985 officers: JOHN FRENCH, President; TIM ARCHER, Vice-President; MICHELLE STARR, Junior Vice-President; MARSHALL MYERS, Recording Secretary; RON ISHIZAKI, Corresponding Secretary, and E. P. WALLAKER, Treasurer. The newest inductee into SJCC's highest honor, its Honor Roll, was CHARLES V. KAPPEN who joins RUDY GJUROVICH, AL MANDELL, and DON PRITCHETT. Recent SJCC speakers were: ED SINS, March 20th, 'A Return to the 1963 Cal State Convention' and FRED LONG, May 15th, 'Canadian Coin Picture'. As a courtesy in assisting a burglary victim, NCNA Heads and Tales readers are informed that a SJCC member had stolen "a set of the serialized San Jose Coin Club medals, serial #19, including the rare 1969 and 1970 medals. Club medals bearing this number dated 1982 and earlier are stolen".

Cupertino Coin Club Elected its 1985 officers: DAN SHATTUC, President; AL LO, Vice-President; CHRIS FISCHER, Youth Vice-President; RAY ERKSON, Treasurer, and WALT MERTENS, Corresponding Secretary. PHIL SOLOMAN has added a new feature to the CCC's Coin Press, 'Yesterdays', a short review of past CCC history: the first Coin Press issue was on May 1, 1970 with RON LAWRENCE as Editor.

Liberty Numismatic Society Recent LNS activities have been: May 7th, ANA slide program, 'Coins of Special Significance', June 4th, White Elephant Sale, and July 2nd, LARRY REPPETEAU, 'Bollody Coins of Mexico'.

Fremont Coin Club Has been busy: speakers at meetings who have been: RON MILLER, GLENNA HAVERCROFT, DON LENDAHL, and CAL WILSON; National Coin Week display at the Fremont Bank, and travel to the Detroit Tigers vs Oakland A's game last May 19th. RON MILLER, FCC's The Double Eagle Editor, reports that the FCC to commemorate its 15th Anniversary will strike medals "in Bronze, Antiqued Bronze, .999 Silver, and .999 Gold. The Silver, Bronze, and Antiqued Bronze Set will sell for \$25.00, the Gold medal will require a 1.5 ounce blank to be struck on the same size blank as the 1 ounce Silver due to the difference in density. Both the Gold and Silver will be numbered, and sold on a 'strict' pre-sales basis. We will probably end up striking approximately 100 Silver and 25 Gold medals. The cost of the Gold Medal will be in the neighborhood of \$500.00 each".

Gateway Coin Club Has had two programs which might interest other coin clubs to copy: First, 'Boast and Brag Night', "a night we have set aside to let members tell about some of the better deals they have made down through the years", and Second, 'Dog of Dog Coin Contest', "find your worst coin bring it down, you might win a nice prize and be crowned as king or queen of the worst coin of the world, but be sure the coin has readable date". The GCC seems always to encourage member participation type programs.

Delta Coin Club Since its Newsletter Editor SYD KASS and your Editor have been concerned with inter-club communication, your Editor wishes to give MR. KASS one more chance to press-his-case: "Michael and I both feel that well managed and successful coin clubs should exchange bulletins and informational literature with one another so that their membership can boast of being the most



informed and knowledgeable individuals in this hobby. That in my idea is what membership in a coin club is all about. Opinions may vary--but think about what a club membership means to you, especially if you're not a dealer but strictly a hobbyist".

Peninsula Coin Club Electer its 1985 officers: XAN CHAMBERLAIN, President; DICK SMITH, Vice-President; FRED VAN DEN HAAK, Secretary, RICH DOUGLASS, Treasurer, and NICK PROET, Junior Vice-President. The PCC in its monthly newsletters, unique to itself, has a series of competitive questions and quizzes, and also unique to this Club, each meeting has a Theme. Your Editor suggests coin clubs exchange club periodicals with the PCC to learn of these ideas.

Fresno Numismatic Society Recent FNS activities have been: HARRY TORN, April 9th, Tokens; May 14th, Other Hobby Night, and RUTH PHILLIPS, June 11th, 'Collecting Elongated Coins'. Participants in Other Hobby Night were: DAVE JOSEPHINE, PHILLIP PLETTNER, TINA HASSON, STEVE FOSTER, and RUTH PHILLIPS.

Reno Coin Club Our neighbor coin club in Nevada and NCNA Club Member. The RCC has started an interesting addition to its meetings as reported in its March Newsletter: "Instituting a 'Get To Know You' program, President HERB CHURCH asked BERNIE MASTRONINNI and TE DASH to stand and tell something about themselves, such as what they collect, why they joined the Reno Coin Club, what benefits they had gotten from their membership, and any suggestions they had for improving the Club. Every member will be asked to do the same thing in the future".

Redwood Empire Coin Club Is trying a good idea with its newsletter as GARY JOHNSON reports: "From time to time newsletters are sent to non-members in the Redwood Empire area who have expressed an interest in attending the club meetings". The RECC's 18th Annual Coinarama and Stamp Show will be November 24, 1985, hours 10:00am to 5:00pm, in the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, (across from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds). Admission is Free. Bourse and Information contact: "WILLIAM FEIST, PO Box 2811, Santa Rosa, CA, 15405".

Fairfield Coin Club Though small, FCC is active. Raised \$133.00 in its First Annual Club Fund Raising Auction at the April 24th meeting. Heard O. L. WALLIS talk at its Annual May Pot Luck on May 22nd, and listen to both its current President JOE SIROIS and Vice-President STAN TURRINI explain their lives at the 'President and Vice-President Night' at the June 26th meeting.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Survived its 13th Annual 'Lucky 13 Vallejo Coin Show last April 28th; the 14th Annual Vallejo Coin Show is set for June 8, 1986 with the location and program unchanged. Participants at the VNS's Annual Hobby Night last April 3rd were: OZZIE STOUT, Milk Bottles; RON KELICHNER, Beer Bottle Openers; STAN TURRINI, World War II Remembrances, and ED HOPKINSON, Cartridge Casings. Of special importance, AL RENN, current Vice-President and long-time club supporter, was honored with the VNS' highest award, the Service Medal, Award #3, at the June 5th meeting. The VNS' next big event is its 'Gold Night' on September 4th with "more gold than Fort Knox".

Los Gatos Coin Club ED SINS reports that "at the May 17th meeting, Junior Member JAMES R. RAUEN was presented with a merit scholarship of \$250.00 on behalf



of the Los Gatos Coin Club. The basis for this scholarship was the maintenance of a 4.00 average at Bellarmine College Prep High School, an SAT score of 1350, acceptance by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and service in the activities of the Club, in which he was Librarian for four years. RAUEN'S club scholarship was based solely on merit and service to the Los Gatos Coin Club . . . As is customary, the Club will not meet during the months of June, July, and August and will resume its Third Friday meetings at Raymond Fisher Junior High School in Los Gatos in September".

Santa Cruz Coin Club Writes: "Plans are now under way for the Santa Cruz Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. It will be held in the CPDES Hall, 216 Evergreen, Santa Cruz, on November 3rd, 1985. Show hours will be from 10:00am to 5:00pm with Free admission. For further details, contact: 'Santa Cruz Coin Club. PO Box 991, Santa Cruz, CA, 95061'".

Southeastern Sierra Coin Club All most changed its name to 'Bishop Coin and Playboy Club'. With that name, your Editor, who has a long-standing pledge to visit this Club, would even join.

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matic knowledge.

It was fitting that Clifford's last act was attending on March 31st the San Francisco Coin Club's Coin Fair at which he collapsed. Your Editor remembers Clifford often carried on his person in a old worn business reply envelope some of his coins, including a medal presented to his great-grandfather by the Austro-Hungarian Emperor Frances-Joseph.

The last time your Editor met Milton was the May NCNA Board of Directors Meeting. He seemed in such good spirits and was so happy to meet his old friend, Thelma Krieg. Your Editor appreicated Milton, as he was your Editor's most intense supporter and whatever was needed for NCNA Heads and Tales Milton was for.

Clifford was NCNA Charter Member #12, and Milton was NCNA President in 1965.

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